THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) In the 'Declaration on Strategic Partnership between Republic of India and the Russian Federation' signed on 3rd October, 2000 the two countries announced their decision to convene annual summit level meetings.

(b) and (c) The Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia had a trilateral meeting in Vladivostok on 2nd June, 2005 and expressed satisfaction at the dynamic development of bilateral relations between India and Russia, Russia and China, India and China. This trilateral meeting did not specify a programme for bilateral exchanges.

(d) The three countries shared a common approach to key global developments in 21st century and favoured the democratization of international relations aimed at building a just world order. As regards UN reforms, including the UNSC, the three countries agreed that the UN should become more reflective of contemporary global realities and more effective in discharging its functions.

Demand of veto power for UNSC seat

†1930. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, Japan, Germany and Brazil have dropped their demand of 'Veto' power for permanent membership in UN Security Council;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) for how long the said demand has been dropped by these nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, now being termed as the Group of Four countries (G-4), in their Resolution on UN Security Council reform, introduced in the UN General Assembly on July 11, 2005, have underlined the principle of non-discrimination between the current and the new permanent members in an expanded UN Security Council. They have also underlined that the new permanent members should have the same responsibilities and obligations as the current permanent members. As for the right of the veto, the G-4 Resolution

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

states that the new permanent members shall not exercise the same until the question of the extension of this right to the new permanent members has been decided upon in the framework of a review which is proposed to be held fifteen years after the entry into force of the amendments to the UN Charter which will need to be effected on adoption of the Resolution.

Help to separatists by Pak Minister

1931. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's Information and Broadcasting Minister has helped to about 3000 Kashmiri separatist fighters;

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have proposed to the Pak Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the response from the Pakistan Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Media reports indicate that JKLF leader Yasin Malik had told the media, at a meeting during an exhibition in Islamabad on June 13, 2005, that Pakistan Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed had set up a camp for training militants in Pakistan.

Government has stated that this revelation was a matter of great concern. It was particularly serious that people directly involved in such activities continued to occupy high position in Pakistan. Government's stand remains that no effective action has been taken by Pakistan to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism on a permanent basis. Government has, in its interaction with Pakistan at all levels, continuously stressed the fact that Pakistan has so far not taken any significant action to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism, such as communications, launching pads, training camps, funding, etc. Government has made it clear to Pakistan that the premise on which the present dialogue process is based is the commitment of January 6, 2004 by Pakistan not to permit